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MONTHLY MEMO TO LOCAL PRESIDENTS

ANOTHER year of formal parent-teacher activity is practically at an end. Let us pause, then, to take stock of what we have accomplished, of the gains we have made, of hopes still unfulfilled, of what our plans must be for the coming year.

There must always be continuity in our parent-teacher work, even though we individual leaders take our turn and then pass on our tasks to others. The purposes toward which we strive remain the same from year to year. As long as each year brings more children to be cared for, we can never feel our job is done. We merely adapt our program to newer needs.

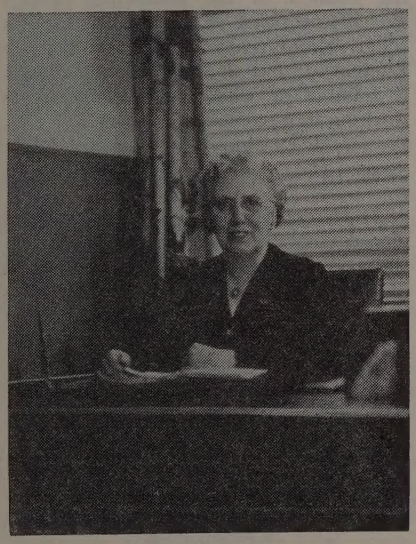
Membership. For several days every April we all wait anxiously to find out what the total membership figures will be for the year. Our books at the National Office are supposed to close April 15, but we allow time for every letter postmarked April 15 to reach us before we actually do close them. We know already that there has been another great gain in membership this year, and we shall give you the final figures next month.

FLASH...

As we go to press we learn that our membership is now 3,910,106. This is a gain of 422,968 over the preceding year, and a gain of 1,297,761 members for the three-year administration term.

Our large membership is a challenge but at the same time it leaves us very humble. Numbers mean little unless we can secure the active interest of every member and unless each association carries forward, in its own community, the Objects that unite us wherever we may be. To do this we all need to know our own organization—its purposes, its guiding principles, its program of work, its relation to other agencies and organizations, and how it enables us to join hands together for common ends.

Congratulations to each of you for good work you have done this past year!



Mrs. William A. Hastings

Food. Once again I want to appeal to you for help concerning food for the needy. Our government has been rather late in setting our national food-conservation plans in motion, and we must move very rapidly. The time between now and the summer harvest is a critical one for millions. Whether they live or die depends on the help they get from us and the other more favored nations. Whether their children will suffer from the many ills of malnutrition or have enough food to meet their minimum needs for normal growth and development is ours to decide. Read the appeal on page 6 for further help. Your president has once again pledged the support of the parent-teacher organization.

Youth. What plans are you making for the summer fun and recreation of the children and young folks in your community? If you have forgotten to do this, I hope you will start now. One horrible aftermath of war has been the great increase in juvenile delinquency. It was not caused directly by the war, however; it has resulted from poor home life and also from poor community environment. We can help to stem the tide of juvenile delinquency by creating a good environment with ample recreational opportunities for all.

We can find out, too, about the conditions in those places where young people who have gone astray are being held. In these detention homes are they learning to be hardened criminals when they are released? Have you a good juvenile court in your community? A detention home that provides a wholesome life and the right kind of re-education for the young offenders?

Finally, what is being done to instill in the youthful mind those religious principles that furnish a guide for upright living? Perhaps this is the most basic need of all, for as a man "thinketh in his heart, so is he."

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Farewell. For three years it has been a privilege to write to you each month. We have thought about many things together; we have shared experiences. We have lived through great events; we have felt personal anxiety for those we love. We have tried to translate parent-teacher policies into effective action for a world at war and for the difficult days that follow a great war. We have learned that the needs of children go on regardless of what their elders do, and we have learned to our sorrow that many neglected ones are now paying the price for our carelessness.

We have seen that we can no longer be satisfied to live as we did before the war. We may not fully realize it yet, but the whole world changed early last August when that first atomic bomb fell on Hiroshimo. Somehow we have to bring our thinking and action in line with the atomic age.

We have to live in this age—unless we choose to destroy ourselves—and we

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have to prepare our children to live in it. We have to do our part in shaping the future of this new world. Our young people cannot do it. We cannot delegate our responsibility to them.

Leadership at all levels is a "must." Adult education is needed as badly as child education. Our organization is a great agency for adult education, and through it we must educate ourselves and others for old and new responsibilities.

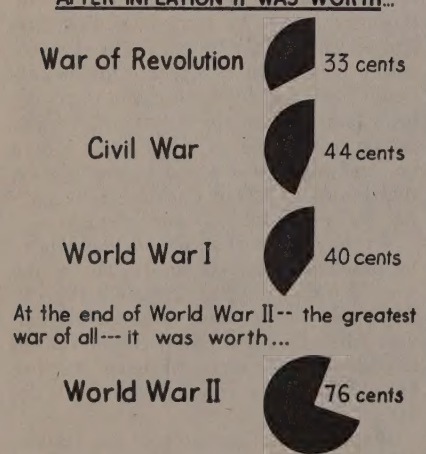
In saying good-by I want to thank you again for the many fine messages I have had from you and the personal bonds of friendship that have drawn us together, even though we may never have seen each other. Also I know you will join me in pledging our loyal support to the new leaders who will guide us for the next three years. Whatever form our future service takes, we shall all be working for the same great ends in one way or another—that of securing for every child "the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual education" and of securing also for every child the opportunity to live peacefully with his neighbors in this one world of the twentieth century.

I thank you for the privilege of being your leader for three busy and wonderful years. **Adieu.**

Minnetta A. Hastings

President
National Congress of Parents and Teachers

This is what happened to the buying power of the dollar in our three previous major wars:



DISPLACED PERSONS— HUMAN PROBLEM

SOME of our members are deeply concerned about European refugees and have asked where they may obtain more information. The answer is, write to the Intergovernmental Committee on Refugees, in care of the American resident representative, Miss Martha Biehle, Room 308, 1344 Connecticut Avenue Northwest, Washington 25, D. C.

Those of you who wish to get in touch with a relief agency serving some particular country may write to the American Council of Voluntary Agencies for Foreign Service, in care of Miss Charlotte Owen, executive director, 122 East Twenty-second Street, New York City. This agency is the approved coordinating council of the numerous private agencies working in the field of foreign relief. Miss Owen will be able to tell you whether or not a certain relief agency is reliable or whether some agency is working in a particular country.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

At present European refugees, or "displaced persons," as they are called officially, represent one of the major tasks of UNRRA. The Army now operates camps for them in the American area of occupation, but these will very likely be closed next August. Since UNRRA is a temporary organization, a special committee on refugees has been created by the United Nations. The U.S. delegate is George L. Warren. The problem comes within the province of the U.N. Economic and Social Council, on which Mr. John G. Winant has been appointed as our representative.

> The difficulty of this postwar problem is tremendous because it is first of all a *human* problem. Many refugees do not wish to return to their former homes. Others have come from countries that no longer exist as they were before the war, hence these nationals are without any civil rights. Many want to make their homes in a land of their choice, but immigration laws such as we have in the United States will prevent large scale immigration.

There are many children among these groups, some of whom have relatives in this country. As a nation we share the responsibility of finding a satisfactory solution for this complicated problem.

WANTED: A COUNTRY

A marvelous job has been done since V-E Day. More than 6,000,000 people have been helped to return to their former homes. Yet when we have done all that can be done, it is probable that at least 500,000 will remain to be cared for or provided with homes and opportunities to earn a living. Some people have actually been left stateless since World War I, and it may be that a still larger number will be left after World War II.

National Council on State Legislation

Parent-teacher members may be interested to know that the National Council on State Legislation will hold its annual convention in Madison, Wisconsin, on June 13–15, 1946. This council, composed of member councils in sixteen states, has for its purpose to serve as a clearinghouse for promoting better state government and legislation. It seeks to help people understand the best legislative techniques and to bring to its members the wide range of subjects in which all good citizens should be interested.

The National Congress is among the member organizations in the council. Others include the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the League of Women Voters, the Association for Childhood Education, the Federation of Music Clubs, the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Society for the Control of Cancer, and many other state and local organizations.

DON'T FORGET . . .

- That your registration for the Summer Round-Up should reach the state chairman not later than May 15 if you wish to be eligible for a certificate award.
- That local unit information report blanks should also be sent to the state office for inclusion in the state summary for 1945–46.
- That the information about men members and teacher members in your P.T.A. should be sent in as soon as possible. (See p. 6)

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WHAT OUR CONGRESS PARENT-TEACHER GROUPS *Are Doing*

Suggested Standards for Students

The Emerson Junior High Parent-Teacher Association in Los Angeles has carried out an admirable cooperative venture with the students of the Emerson School. The result was an excellent set of standards on health, recreation, courtesy, and appropriate school clothing.

The need for such standards was first discussed in a student government class. Committees were soon appointed to interview various school groups, and from the opinions obtained a list of suggested standards was prepared. These were somewhat modified by the student council, after which parents and P.T.A. leaders were asked to discuss the standards at a student meeting. The final recommendations represented those most acceptable to pupils, parents, and teachers. The following rules on recreation are especially interesting:

- **No parties should be held during the school week, and necessary meetings must end at 9:00 p.m.**
- **Parties on week-end evenings should start about 7:30 p.m. and end at 11:30.**
- **All students should be home by midnight.**
- **Transportation to and from parties should be supervised by parents.**
- **Parties should be held at homes or other suitable places with the right kind of supervision.**

Other standards cover such items as proper food habits, sufficient sleep, polite behavior, and neatness of attire.

A Building Committee

An interesting project of the Kalamazoo Council of P.T.A.'s has been relayed to us by Mrs. E. L. Church of the Michigan Congress.

A "building committee," as it is temporarily titled, has been organized to study four phases of the community: school building facilities, housing, recreational facilities, and safety. The committee consists of a chairman and an assistant chairman from the council and a representative from each local unit in the city. Each of these representatives is, in turn, chairman of a large local committee that is a cross section of the local school district. Aids for the chairmen include a city map with districts clearly marked, booklets of information, and statistical data derived from surveys previously made by the board of education, the chamber of commerce, and other groups.

The local chairmen are now examining their neighborhood needs in the four areas marked for study and will make suggestions as to ways of financing repairs or new buildings and parks. Their findings are discussed by P.T.A. members at regular meetings. After the survey of local needs is complete, the next step will be to see what can be done about the junior high school, since two of its buildings have already been condemned.

Of this council committee, which will probably be in operation for five years, Mrs. Church says, "It is an attempt to educate the public to what we have, what we'd like to have, what we absolutely have to have, and—*how to get it!*"

Family Fun Night

Before the war the chief money-making project of the Washington P.T.A. in Ashtabula, Ohio, was an annual dinner each September. However, food rationing made it necessary to find a new way of financing the year's work. Now the association sponsors a Family Fun Night under the direction of the local executive committee, the home-room mothers, and the teachers.

> Refreshments served in the coffee room are donated, as are the articles for the canned goods sale, the fish pond, and the white elephant auction. In addition to a quiz program or skit by P.T.A. members, movies are shown several times during the evening. Other attractions are a pet show, a doll display, a game room for the children, and an exhibit of antique articles and war relics. The white elephant auction provides the climax for a most pleasant evening.

"The members of our P.T.A. have found that Fun Night is a good money-making project," writes Mrs. Jack Perskari, chairman of publicity. "Each year minor changes are made as seen fit, and the evening of 'open house' is enjoyed by children and grownups alike."

Streamliners

A letter from Julia Hogan, publicity chairman of the parent-teacher association in Madison, Georgia, describes a recent P.T.A. program honoring the school janitor who had served faithfully for fifty years. Before an audience that filled the school auditorium, the superintendent of schools presented this school employee with a substantial check representing funds donated from students now in school and from alumni in twenty-six states and four foreign countries.

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The dramatic classes of the O'Keefe Junior High School in Atlanta, Georgia, have been presenting a weekly broadcast over Station WAGA on Saturdays, using the material provided by the National Congress Radio Script Service.

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According to a letter from Mrs. Roman J. Fritz, president of the Eau Claire Council of P.T.A.'s, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the council is presenting regular monthly broadcasts using the National Radio Script Service.

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Chairmen of Congress publications will be interested in the following section of a letter from the Florida state office describing three "suitcases" of publications exhibits used in that state:

"These were prepared by our state chairman of Congress publications, Mrs. George Hanford," writes the office secretary, "and, each mounted on pretty blue cardboard, are packed in shipping cases like a suitcase. These can be mailed and are for use at council meetings or any meeting that might want the exhibit."

The Illinois Congress of Parents and Teachers led all other state branches in obtaining the largest number of subscriptions to *National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine* during the 1945-46 campaign. Illinois ranked first with a total of 7,152 subscriptions.

OUR FIRST POSTWAR NATIONAL CONVENTION

DENVER • COLORADO • MAY 20-22, 1946

CALL

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers hereby calls its membership to send accredited delegates and representatives to meet in convention at Denver, Colorado, May 20-22 1946.

THEME: *"LAYING FIRM FOUNDATIONS"*

MONDAY, MAY 20

GENERAL SESSION I, 9:45 a.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, President; Mrs. L. W. Hughes, First Vice-President
Music
Salute to Flag
Invocation: The Very Reverend Paul H. Roberts, Dean of St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
Greetings: Mrs. James B. Noel, President, Colorado Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Inez Johnson Lewis, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Charles E. Greene, Superintendent, Denver Public Schools
Response: Mrs. L. W. Hughes, First Vice-President
Introduction of National Officers
Reports of Committees:
Credentials.....J. W. Faust
Rules.....Mrs. E. W. Emery
Program.....Mrs. L. W. Hughes
Report of Treasurer: J. W. Faust
Report of Audit: Mrs. William Kletzer
Report of Nominating Committee: Mrs. J. S. Stewart
Report on Revision of Bylaws: Mrs. H. F. Godeke
Assembly Singing
Greetings: S. R. Laycock, President, Canadian Federation of Home and School
Presentation of Convention Theme: Mrs. William A. Hastings, National President

SECTION MEETINGS, 2:00–4:15 p.m.

A. Home and Family Life

Presiding: Mrs. O. C. Ufford, Vice-President
Speaker: Ernest G. Osborne, Department of Education, Teachers College, Columbia University
Discussants:
Mrs. Gertrude E. Flyte, National Chairman, Art
Mrs. George E. Calvert, National Chairman, Home and Family Life
Mrs. Curtis Stout, National Chairman, Music
Ralph H. Ojemann, National Chairman, Parent Education

B. Education

Presiding: Charles W. Phillips, Second Vice-President
Speaker: G. L. Maxwell, Dean of Administration, University of Denver
Discussants:
Elise H. Martens, National Chairman, Exceptional Child
H. B. McCarty, National Chairman, Radio
Agnes Samuelson, National Chairman, School Education
Edgar Dale, National Chairman, Visual Education

C. Health

Presiding: Mrs. James C. Parker, Vice-President
Speakers:
"Health Needs of School Age Children"
Frank Stafford, Chief, Health and Physical Education, U.S. Office of Education
W. Roy Breg, Executive Secretary, Allied Youth
Discussants:
Martha L. Clifford, M.D., National Chairman, Health and Summer Round-Up
Joseph Miller, National Chairman, Mental Hygiene
Mrs. Paul H. Leonard, National Chairman, School Lunch
Mrs. Bess N. Rosa, National Chairman, Social Hygiene

National Chairman's Conference Hour, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION II, 7:30 p.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, President
Musical numbers to be presented by the Denver Public Schools
Parade of States
Address: J. C. Stearns, Acting Dean of the Graduate School, Washington University, St. Louis
Address: Clark M. Eichelberger, Director, American Association for the United Nations, Inc.

TUESDAY, MAY 21

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

WORKSHOPS, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

1. Organizational Procedures

Presiding: Mrs. L. W. Hughes, First Vice-President
Participants:
Mrs. H. F. Godeke, National Chairman, Procedure and Bylaws
Mrs. Charles D. Center, National Chairman, Programs
Mrs. True Davis, National Chairman, Membership
Mrs. John E. Hayes, National Chairman, Publicity
Mrs. William Kletzer, National Chairman, Founders Day

2. State Bulletins

Presiding: Mrs. J. W. Bingham, Chairman, Special Committee To Study State Congress Bulletins

3. Legislation Techniques

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, President
Participants:
Mrs. Stanley G. Cook, National Chairman, Committee on Legislation
Members of the Washington Legislation Committee: Mrs. Eugene Callaghan; Mrs. O. G. Hankins; Mrs. C. D. Lowe; and Mrs. Glen L. Swiggett

GENERAL SESSION III, 9:45 a.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, President; Charles W. Phillips, Second Vice-President

Have you made your hotel reservations for the Convention? If not, please do so right away. See page 7 of the April issue of the *National Congress Bulletin*.

Invocation: Rabbi C. E. H. Kauvar, B M H Congregation
Introduction of National Chairmen
Memorial: Mrs. William Kletzer
Business
Greetings: F. L. Schlagle, President, National Education Association
Assembly Singing

Symposium on Education

Paul Witty, Professor of Education and Director of Psychoeducational Clinic, Northwestern University
Harold R. Benjamin, Director, Division of International Educational Relations, U.S. Office of Education
Ben M. Cherrington, Special Consultant to the U.S. Department of State
Discussion

SECTION MEETINGS, 2:00–4:15 p.m.

D. Community Planning

Presiding: Mrs. Jack M. Little, Vice-President
Speakers: Lee F. Johnson, Executive Vice-President, National Housing Conference; Philip B. Gilliam, Judge, Juvenile Court, Denver, Colorado
Discussants:
Mrs. Arch J. West, National Chairman, Juvenile Protection
Mrs. H. M. Mulberry, National Chairman, Reading and Library Service
Mrs. Rollin Brown, National Chairman, Recreation
Mrs. L. K. Nicholson, National Chairman, Safety

E. Interracial and Intercultural Relations

Presiding: Mrs. Newton P. Leonard, Vice-President
Speakers:
"Intergroup Education in a World of Tension"
Francis Brown, Staff Associate, American Council on Education
Takao Yamauchi, Member-at-Large, Hawaii Congress of Parents and Teachers
Hildegard Thompson, Supervisor of Indian Education, Office of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior
"The Negro Youth's Dilemma"
Charles S. Johnson, Director, Department of Social Sciences, Fisk University
Discussants:
Mrs. Nathaniel E. White, National Chairman, Character and Spiritual Education
Knox Walker, National Chairman, Citizenship
Mrs. R. H. Jesse, National Chairman, International Relations

National Chairmen's Conference Hour, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

GENERAL SESSION IV, 7:30 p.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, National President
Pageant
Presented by the Denver Public Schools
Address: Gregor Ziemer, Noted Speaker and Author of *Education for Death*
Youth Panel led by Prudence Bostwoci, Supervisor of the Department of Instruction in the Denver Public Schools

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

WORKSHOPS, 8:00–9:30 a.m.

4. Publications and Magazine

Presiding: Mrs. Albert L. Gardner, Vice-President
Participants: Mrs. E. T. Hale, National Chairman, Congress Publications
Mrs. James Fitts Hill, President, National Parent-Teacher Magazine

5. Rural Service

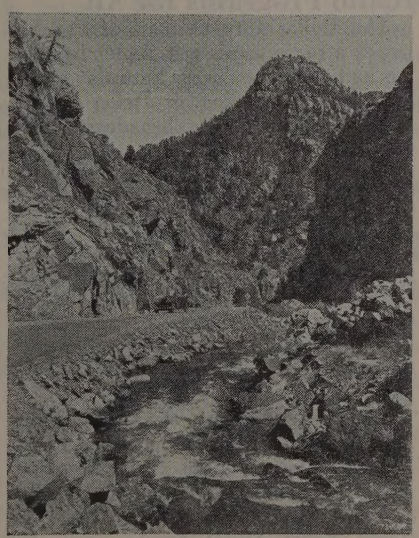
Presiding: Mrs. E. W. Emery, Vice-President
Participants:
David Lindstrom, President, American Country Life Association
I. D. Weeks, National Chairman, Committee on Rural Service

6. Preschool Service

Presiding: Mrs. J. S. Stewart, Vice-President
Participants:
"Exploring the Preschool Period"
Ethel Kawin, Director of Guidance, Glencoe Public Schools
Mrs. Carl R. Brister, National Chairman, Committee on Preschool Service

7. High School Service

Presiding: Mrs. R. B. Gordon, Vice-President



South St. Vrain Canyon high in the Colorado Rockies, one of the many canyons that abound in the mountains near Denver.

Participants:
Arthur Kirkwood Loomis, Dean of the School of Education, University of Denver
Mrs. Leonard G. Twitchell, Chairman, Committee on High School Service

GENERAL SESSION V
9:45 a.m. - 12:15 p. m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, National President
Invocation: The Right Reverend John R. Mulroy, Holy Ghost Church
Assembly Singing
Address: "Laying Firm Foundations for Home and Family Life"
Dora Lewis, President, American Home Economics Association
Address: "Homemade Mental Illness"
C. C. Burlingame, M.D., Chairman, Committee on Public Education, American Psychiatric Association

GENERAL SESSION VI, 2:00 p.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, National President
Address: "Cooperative Action for Children"
Maycie K. Southall, President, Association for Childhood Education and Professor of Elementary Education, George Peabody College for Teachers
Address: "Keeping Faith with Greatness"
Reverend Samuel H. Franklin, Jr., Acting Secretary, Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, Central Area
Report of Findings Committee
National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine
Golden Jubilee Plans

GENERAL SESSION VII, 6:30 p.m.

Presiding: Mrs. William A. Hastings, National President
Invocation: Mrs. Hugh Bradford, Past National President
Music
Address: George S. Mooney, Chief Executive Officer, Administrative Council, European Regional Office, UNRRA
Installation of Officers
Closing Ceremony: Led by Mrs. Nathaniel E. White

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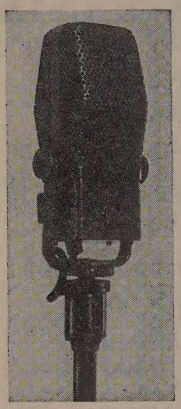
Why not raise funds during the summer to buy subscriptions to *National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine?* The president, school principal, program chairman, and the parent education or study group chairman each should have a copy, if possible. The proceeds from one rummage sale, cake sale, or penny tea would be sufficient. We raise funds for many things. Let's add the country's best parent education magazine to the list!

SATURDAY IS *Baxter* DAY!



We're happy to announce that our P.T.A. radio program, *The Baxters*, will be continued through the summer months. Marge, Bill, and their children—Bud, Janey, and Sandy—are attracting an ever widening audience, judging from the many approving responses that reach the National Office. The amusing, everyday predicaments of these lovable radio characters are full of appeal for any family, and the resourceful solutions to the Baxters' problems are of help to every listener.

The program topics always touch closely on the lives of each of us. Here, for example, are the intriguing titles of the programs to be given during the next few weeks:

May 4—"Let's Play It Safe"
May 11—"The Danger Signs of Delinquency"
May 18—"Education Need Not End"
May 25—"Tempers and Tantrums"
June 1—"The Baxters Go Places"
June 8—"Bud Succeeds at Failure"

Last Call!

Have you returned the postal card sent you recently asking for figures on men members and teacher members in your P.T.A.? If not, please fill it in and mail it right away! And if you've mislaid the original card, clip this coupon and send it at once to Mrs. William A. Hastings, National Congress of Parents and Teachers, 600 South Michigan Boulevard, Chicago 5, Illinois:

1. Number of men members _____

2. Number of teacher members _____

_____
NAME OF LOCAL ASSOCIATION

_____
Signature

Will *You* Give . . . That Someone Else May Live?

ON May 12 the Emergency Food Collection in behalf of UNRRA will be launched by a national committee headed by Henry A. Wallace. Our National president has been invited to serve on this committee, and she is relying on each of us to do our share toward averting famine and starvation in the nations of the world.

During the Emergency Food Collection we can duplicate our noteworthy support of the National Clothing Collection if we stop to realize how great is the need for our assistance. Even if America sends every possible pound of wheat and fats, the quantity of food remaining in our country will still be more than adequate.

How the Collection Will Operate

The food gathered through the Emergency Food Collection will be distributed free and without discrimination on the basis of greatest need. Because it is difficult to handle overseas shipments, only food packed in tin cans can be accepted. The kinds of food needed are: milk (condensed, evaporated, or dried), meat, fish, baby foods, baked beans, stews, soups, honey, fruits, juices, and vegetables.

If you prefer to give money, you may be sure that your cash contribution will be used only for the purchase of food. No deductions will be made for operating costs; *every cent of every dollar contributed* will go entirely for the purchase of food supplies.

What P.T.A.'s Can Do

1. Get in touch with the Emergency Food Collection Committee in your community.
2. If such a committee has not been set up as yet, find out how to go about organizing one. Address Dan A. West, Executive Director, Emergency Food Collection, 100 Maiden Lane, New York 7, New York.
3. Offer speakers for talks about the food collection to be given at civic meetings or on radio programs.
4. If you have space for a food depot, offer it and staff it with volunteer help.
5. Give every member a sense of responsibility through specific duties in connection with the food campaign.
6. Plan social affairs at which the admission is a contribution of food.
7. Ask your local theater to set aside a time for a collection in the movies, or run a special performance at which a food donation is the price of admission.
8. Ask local newspapers to carry editorials on the Emergency Food Collection.
9. Write letters and make telephone calls asking for contributions.
10. Cooperate with schools in making display posters to be used as reminders about food conservation.
11. Encourage gardening programs and community and home canning as a means of aiding the food supply.

Radio Programs for All

The Dallas City Council of P.T.A.'s began a radio series last September and has had a program every Saturday morning since, according to Helen Piercy, radio chairman. The broadcasts have varied in form from dramatizations to interviews and have included information about special features of the city's school system. "For instance," writes Miss Piercy, "we have had three programs on work being done for the exceptional child, since Dallas is outstanding in that field." These broadcasts described services to partially-seeing children, those with hearing and speech defects, and crippled children.

High school speech classes in Dallas have presented part of the series, *Youth Talks It Over*, and at Christmas time one of the groups of Mothersingers gave a lovely program of carols. The *National Radio Script Service* was also used, with different associations assuming responsibility for each production. Preschool associations have broadcast a series based on articles in the *National Parent-Teacher*, and the elementary and high school associations also each presented one program a month. The council officers participated in the Founders Day broadcast. Often a special department—for instance, the department of home and family life—presents a program discussing the work of that particular group. The council also sponsors a Saturday broadcast featuring the students of the schools of Greater Dallas, and the studio furnishes a paid worker to produce those shows. One of the most successful programs was based on play schools for preschool children.

"As to the response," writes Miss Piercy, "we have had good reports from our listening groups, and all criticism so far has been favorable, but I don't know what I should have done if I hadn't had the National Script Service to help me. I wish we could have more of the articles in the *National Parent-Teacher* prepared for radio use."

The Editors of National Parent-Teacher: The P.T.A. Magazine

ANNOUNCE THE STUDY COURSES *for* 1946–47

I. EXPLORING THE PRESCHOOL PERIOD

For Parents of Young Children

• Directed by ETHEL KAWIN, Director of Guidance, Glencoe Public Schools, and Lecturer in Education at the University of Chicago

MONTHLY TOPICS

1. **Baby Training Up to Date**
2. **Does Your Child Do What the Others Do?**
3. **What Toys Are Best?**
4. **Children Take to the Arts**
5. **What Are Children Afraid Of?**
6. **Behind the Emotional Scene**
7. **The Beginnings of Sex Education**
8. **It's a Wide, Wide World**

SUMMATION

What Have We Discovered?

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For Parents of Adolescents

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NOTED authorities in the fields of child guidance, parent education, and family relationships will contribute the articles on which these courses are based. As in former years, attractive leaflets will be available free to groups planning to use one or both courses. Each leaflet will contain the list of the subtopics, a short description of the course, and spaces for the dates of study group meetings.

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I AM AN AMERICAN DAY NATIONAL CITIZENSHIP DAY

"IT IS FOR US THE LIVING . . . rather to be here dedicated to the unfinished task remaining before us."

These words of Abraham Lincoln state the true purpose of I Am An American Day or National Citizenship Day, as it is now called. By a joint resolution of the United States Congress in May 1940, the third Sunday in May is set aside as a day for citizenship recognition.

The observance gives recognition to new voters—those who have recently reached voting age as well as the foreign-born who have received their final citizenship papers. In addition, it is a day of dedication for all citizens, young and old, who love America and wish to make it a better nation.

Chairmen of citizenship will want to enlist the cooperation of other chairmen in making National Citizenship Day a dignified and memorable occasion. P.T.A. units will cooperate with other civic and religious community groups in paying tribute to all new citizens in various ways.

No nation-wide theme is selected because the word "citizenship" has a local meaning as well as a state and national meaning. Each community may thus vary the program from year to year by choosing its own theme and changing the method of presentation. Talks on citizenship, radio programs, interviews with new voters and naturalized citizens, parades, pageants, tableaux, patriotic song fests, folk dances, library displays, posters, essays—these and many other activities may all be part of the observance.

Many agencies interested in citizenship furnish advice or publish materials on civic education programs or National Citizenship Day celebrations. A complete list of sources may be obtained from the National Education Association of the United States, Committee on Citizenship, 1201 Sixteenth Street Northwest, Washington 6, D. C.

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SUPPORT OPA PRICE CONTROLS

ALTHOUGH at times it may seem to us that the cost of living has risen excessively in the last few years, we often fail to realize that without price control conditions would be far worse. Those who remember the high prices following the first World War are well aware of our good fortune in having had the protection of price control during World War II.

Then, too, some folks believe that, although controls may have been necessary before, they can easily be lifted now that the war is over. Again, it should be pointed out that the inflation resulting from World War I reached its peak in 1920, two years after the Armistice was signed! Anti-inflation measures are absolutely essential during these months of reconversion until supply and demand approach a balance.

You can draw your own conclusions from the following table of prices:

AFTER WORLD WAR I (1919–20)

Without price control these items cost:

Sugar, 10 lbs.	$2.67
Flour, 10 lbs.	.88
Eggs, 1 doz.	.92
Oleomargarine, 1 lb.	.44
Evaporated milk, 14½ oz. can	.09
	$5.00

HELP FIGHT INFLATION

AFTER WORLD WAR II (December 1945)

With price control all these cost:

Sugar, 10 lbs.	$ .67
Flour, 10 lbs.	.64
Eggs, 1 doz.	.68
Oleomargarine, 1 lb.	.24
Evaporated milk, 14½ oz. can	.10
Bread, lb. loaf	.09
Milk, qt. delivered	.16
Dried beans, 1 lb.	.11
Round steak, 1 lb.	.41
Tea, ¼ lb.	.24
Coffee, 1 lb.	.31
Peas, No. 2 can	.13
Corn, No. 2 can	.15
Tomatoes, No. 2 can	.13
Corn flakes, 8 oz.	.07
Potatoes, 15 lbs.	.64
Oatmeal, 1 lb.	.10
Rice, 1 lb.	.13
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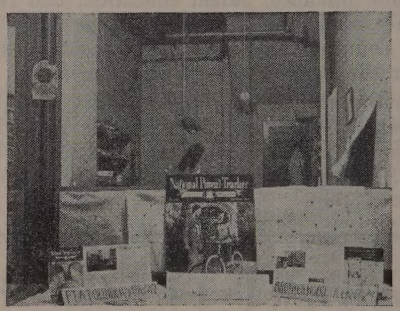

FELLOWSHIP DAY

The 1946 booklet on the observance of May Fellowship Day, issued by the United Council of Church Women, carried greetings to the council from Mrs. William A. Hastings on behalf of the National Congress. Her comments pointed out that "it is the task and privilege of the Church so to make its ideals a living force that men and women will be transformed into *uncommon* common folks, wise enough to meet the demands destiny has placed upon us."

This *NATIONAL PARENT-TEACHER* Magazine exhibit, appearing in the window of a community newspaper office in Westport, Connecticut, was prepared by Mrs. John A. Baker, president of the Westport Council. Why not try one in a conspicuous spot in your community? It will evoke many comments and perhaps result in some new subscriptions to the *National Parent-Teacher!*